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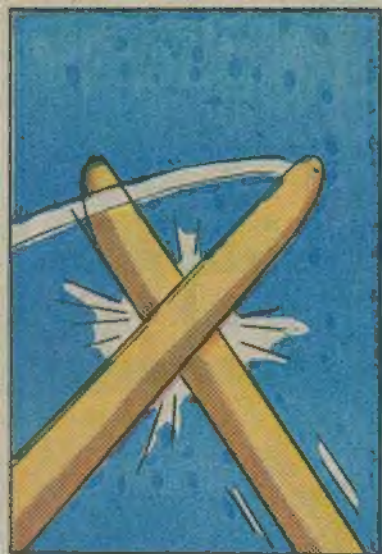
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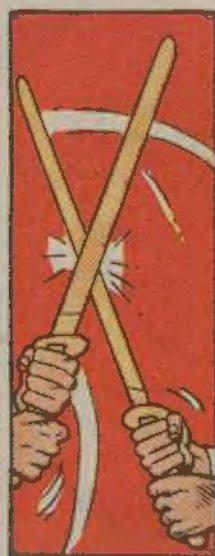
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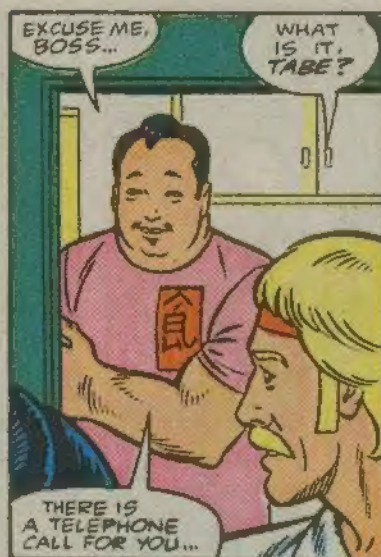
TABE'S STORY

AND NOW,
CHUCK NORRIS, WE
SHALL SEE WHICH OF
US IS THE SUPERIOR
SWORDSMAN.

I DON'T
THINK THAT'S
SOMETHING
IN DOUBT,
KIMO.







SORRY ABOUT THAT, KIMO.

NO MATTER. WE CAN GO ON WHEN YOU FINISH, IF THAT WOULD BE CONVENIENT.



WHILE YOU WAIT, MY FRIEND, PERHAPS I COULD PREPARE YOU A LIGHT SNACK?



TABE, WE HAD A LARGE LUNCH, LESS THAN AN HOUR AGO. I WOULD PREFER TO WORK ON IMPROVING MY SKILL.

AH...NO DOUBT, FOR A SAMURAI, THAT IS WISE...



YOU ARE TRULY DEDICATED TO YOUR SPORT, MY FRIEND.



...FOR A SUMO WRESTLER, NO SKILL IS ENOUGH, UNLESS HE ALSO MAINTAINS HIS GIRTH.

AND, NOW...







AH...NOW I SEE. YOU KNOW, THIS STORY OF YOURS HAS JUST REMINDED ME OF SOME-THING...

HAVE I NEVER TOLD YOU THE STORY OF HOW I FIRST MET CHUCK?

NO...

IT WAS MANY YEARS AGO, I AND A PARTY OF MY FRIENDS WERE ON A WALKING TOUR OF ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES--THE WOODED MOUNTAINS OF MONTANA...

"THERE WE WERE, ENJOYING THE PEACEFUL SCENERY, WHEN ALL AT ONCE..."



TABE-SAN, LOOK!



WHAT IS WRONG, ETSUKO-SAN?

THE PATH, TABE-SAN. IT IS COMPLETELY BLOCKED. HOW CAN WE GO ON?



NOT TO WORRY, MY FRIENDS. THE BOULDER IN OUR PATH IS LARGE, IT IS TRUE...



BUT PERHAPS, WITH PROPER USE OF LEVERAGE...



...IT COULD BE...



...SHIFTED!

"AND SO, TO THE DELIGHT OF ALL, WE WERE SOON ON OUR WAY ONCE MORE."

"AND SOON, WE CAME TO A STREAM, BRIDGED ONLY BY A FALLEN OLD TREE..."

LET ME LEAD THE WAY, MY FRIENDS, TO BE CERTAIN IT IS SAFE.



"I DID NOT SEE THE PARTY OF AMERICANS ON THE OTHER SIDE OR THE MAN AMONG THEM WHO STARTED ACROSS AS I DID."

NO, I'M SURE IT'S PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT!



OH, BUT CHUCK, LOOK BEHIND YOU!



"AND SUDDENLY, IN THE CENTER... THERE WE WERE!"



WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?!



I CAME FROM THE WEST BANK OF THIS VERY STREAM.

AND I CAME FROM THE EAST BANK.



PERHAPS YOU WOULD CARE TO RETURN TO THE EAST BANK, UNTIL MY FRIENDS AND I HAVE CROSSED?

NO, I HAVE A BETTER IDEA. WHY DON'T YOU WAIT ON THE WEST BANK UNTIL MY FRIENDS AND I HAVE CROSSED?



"AND SO, THERE WE BOTH WERE, STUCK IN THE MIDDLE, AND BOTH, BOUND BY PRIDE AND THE SPIRIT OF MISCHIEF, NOT TO YIELD."

SHOW HIM HOW GREAT YOUR SKILL IS, TABE-SAN!!



TEACH HIM A LESSON, CHUCK!!



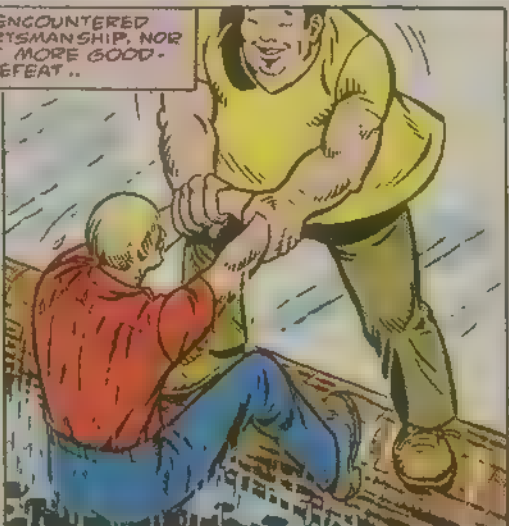
"IT BECAME CLEAR TO US THAT OUR FRIENDS WOULD ALL BE ENTERTAINED TO WITNESS A MATCH BETWEEN US..."

"...AND SO WE ENDEAVORED TO OBLIGE THEM."

YOUR SKILL IS GREAT, SIR... AND I WOULD BE LOATH TO SEND SO WORTHY A FOEMAN INTO THE COLD WATERS!

YOU'RE NOT SO BAD YOURSELF... BUT LET'S NOT TAKE ANY BETS JUST YET ON WHO IS GOING TO GET A WETTING!

"INDEED, TO THIS VERY DAY, THERE IS NO SAYING WHO WAS TRULY THE BETTER, FOR AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, THE LOG WAS WET AND SLIMY, AND..."





HI, TABE.

GOOD AFTERNOON,
REED

YOU LOOK HUNGRY.
WOULD YOU LIKE A
GLASS OF MILK AND
SOME CAKE?

NO THANKS. I
HAVE A PROBLEM.
A BIG ONE.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL
ME ABOUT IT?

YOU KNOW HOW
HARD I'VE BEEN
TRAINING IN GYM-
NASTICS THIS
SEMESTER, AS
WELL AS WORK-
ING ON MY
KARATE
WITH CHUCK.

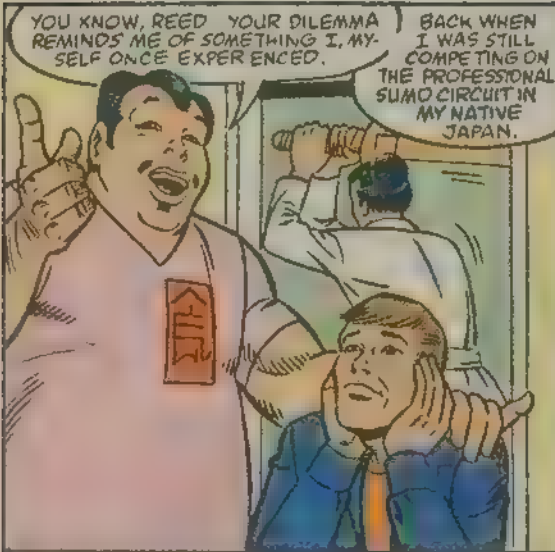
AND I THINK MAYBE I COULD
WIN IT, BECAUSE I'M ONE OF
THE BEST THERE IS ..

BUT TODAY I FOUND
OUT, BY ACCIDENT,
THAT SOME OF THE
OTHER REALLY
GOOD GUYS ARE
GOING TO BE
CHEATING!

WELL, ON FRIDAY THEY'RE
HOLDING A BIG GYMNASTICS
TOURNAMENT AT SCHOOL,
WITH A TROPHY AND EVERYTHING...

HOW CAN I PROVE I'M THE BEST
WHEN THE CONTEST ISN'T FAIR?

HHHHH...



YOU KNOW, REED YOUR DILEMMA REMINDS ME OF SOMETHING I, MYSELF ONCE EXPERENCED.

BACK WHEN I WAS STILL COMPETING ON THE PROFESSIONAL SUMO CIRCUIT IN MY NATIVE JAPAN.

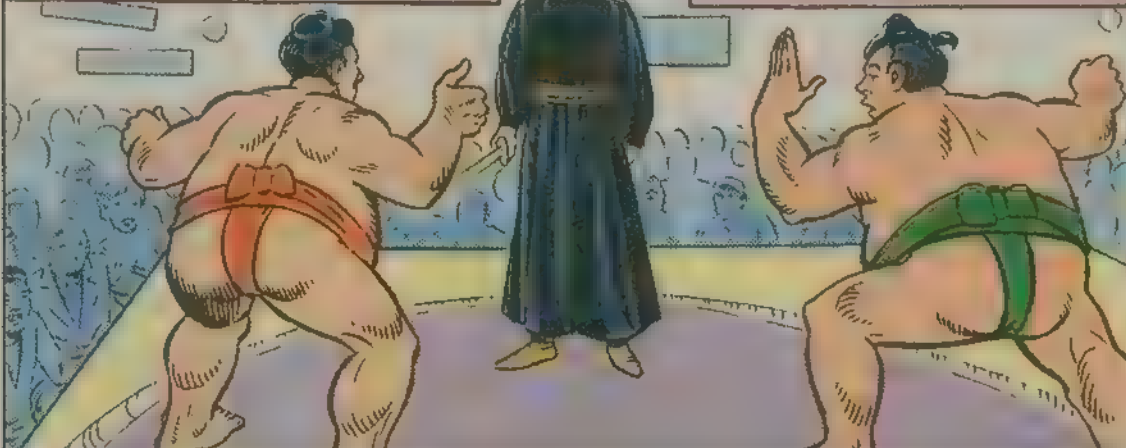


IN FACT, IT IS THE STORY OF HOW I FIRST MET CHUCK...



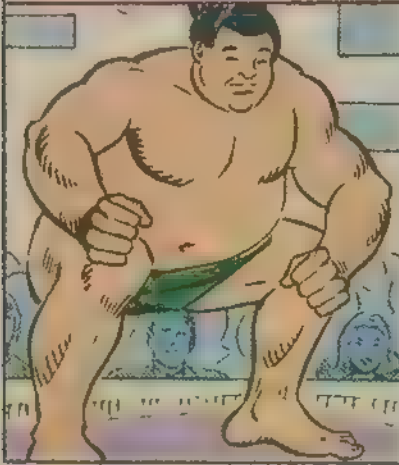
HUH..?

"THERE WAS A GREAT TOURNAMENT FOR ALL THE VARIOUS MARTIAL ARTS DISCIPLINES BEING HELD THAT YEAR, IN OSAKA.

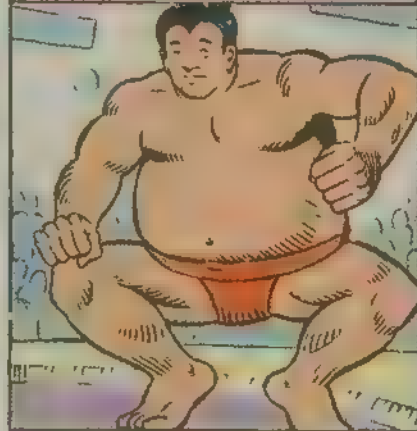


"NOW, AS YOU MAY KNOW, SUMO IS AS MUCH A MATTER OF SPIRIT AS OF STRENGTH...

"TWO WARRIORS FACE EACH OTHER, IN A ROUND RING WHICH THEY HAVE PURIFIED BY THROWING SALT AND WATER INTO IT.



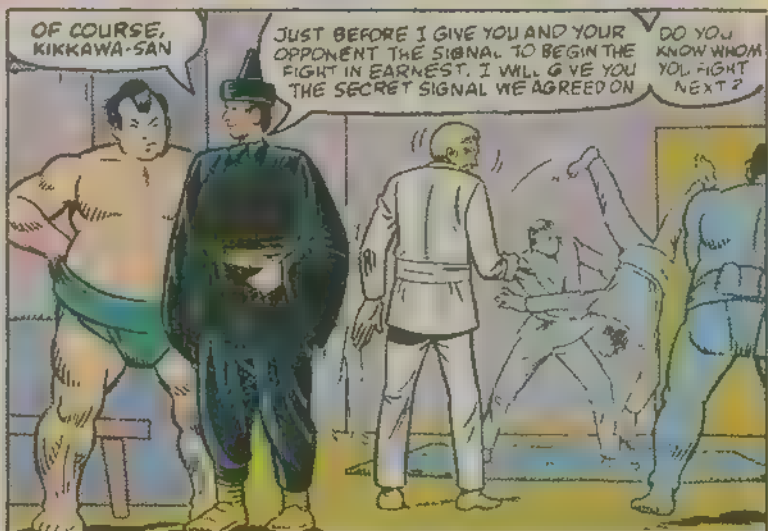
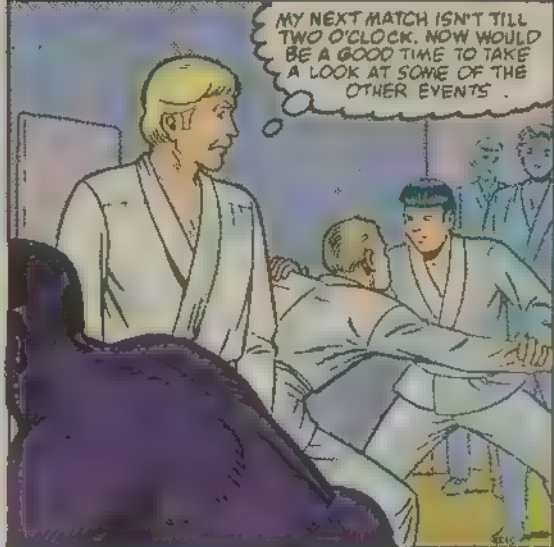
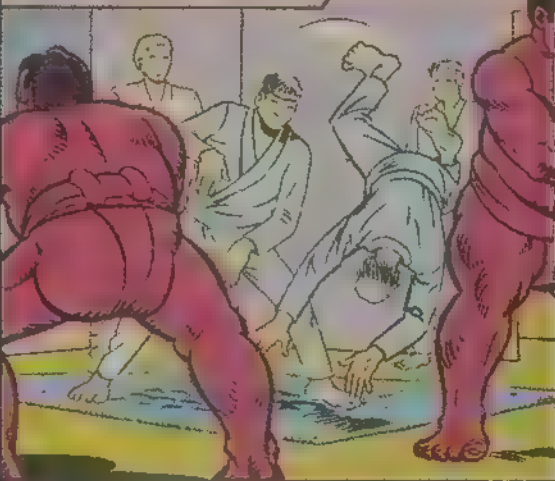
"AND BOTH WAIT SUMMONING THEIR INNER POWER AND CALLING UPON THE HEAVENS FOR HELP. STRICTLY FORBIDDEN TO MOVE UNTIL THE OFFICIAL GIVES US THE SIGNAL...

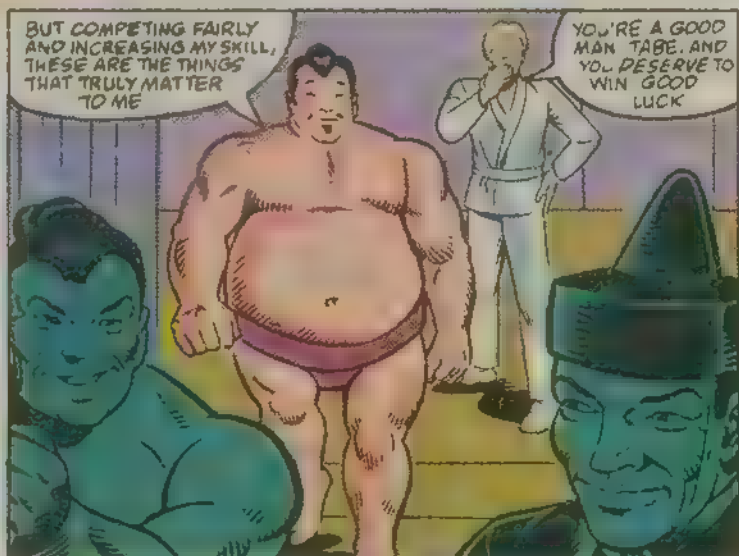
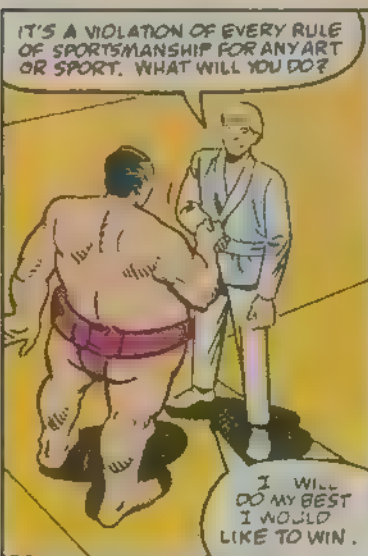
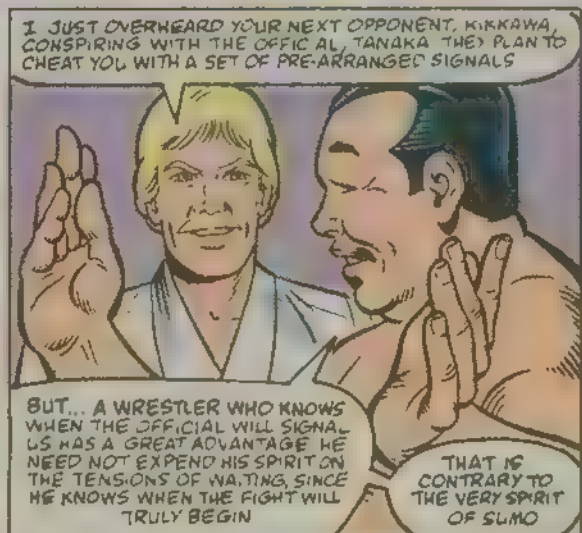
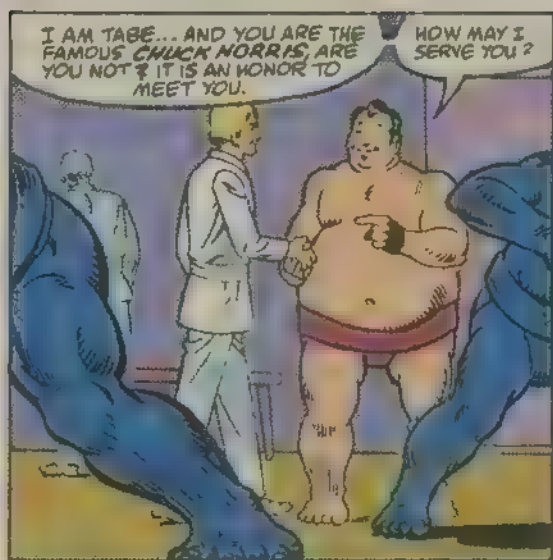
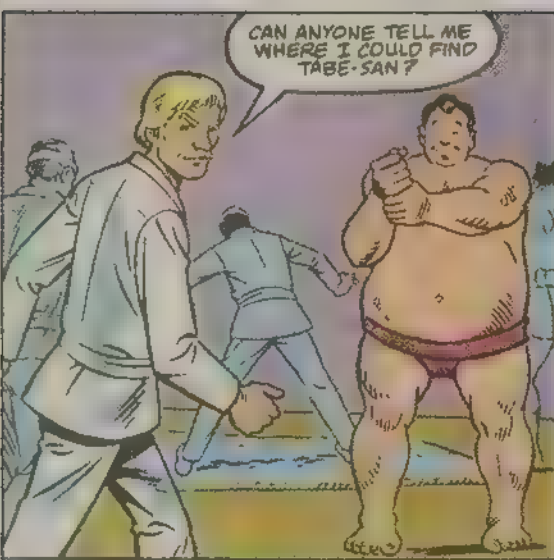


"THEN, THERE IS A FLURRY OF MOVEMENT, AND WHICHEVER MAN FORCES HIS OPPONENT FROM THE RING IS DECLARED THE VICTOR.



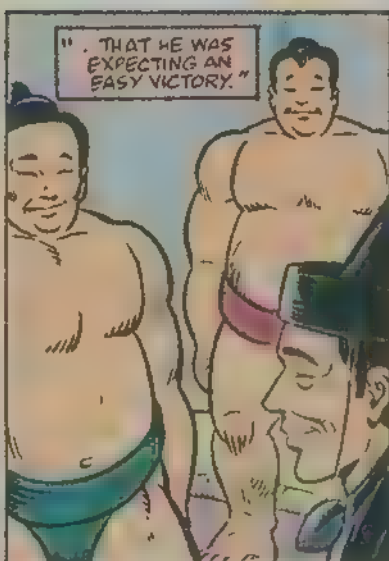
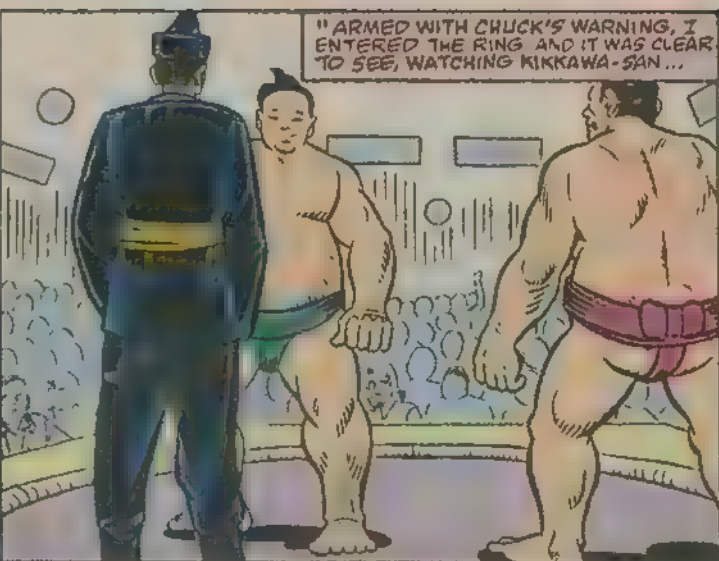
"CHUCK NORRIS WAS ANOTHER COMPETITOR THAT DAY, AND ALREADY HIS SKILL AT TAE KWON DO HAD WON HIM GREAT HONORS..."





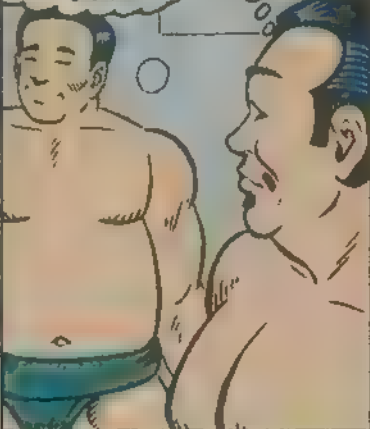
"ARMED WITH CHUCK'S WARNING, I ENTERED THE RING AND IT WAS CLEAR TO SEE, WATCHING KIKKAWA-SAN..."

"... THAT HE WAS EXPECTING AN EASY VICTORY."



THE FOOL HE'S SO BUSY WATCHING TANAKA, WAITING FOR H.S. SECRET SIGNAL.

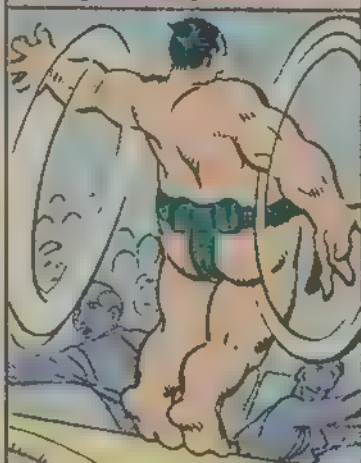
HE'S COMPLETELY DISCOUNTED ME



"WHEN, AT LAST, THE SIGNAL CAME AND KIKKAWA-SAN CHARGED AT ME ARROGANT IN HIS SELF-CONFIDENCE I STEPPED TO ONE SIDE."



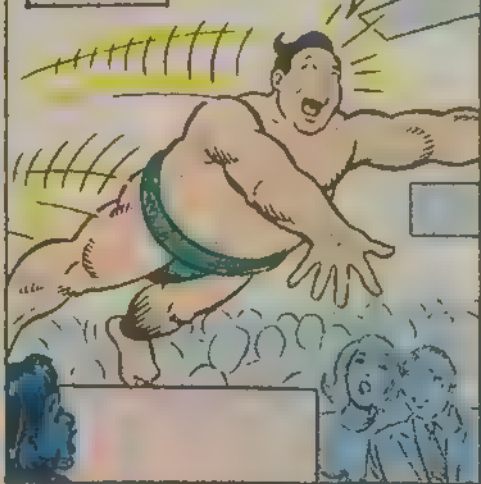
"--AND AS HE REALIZED HIS MISTAKE AND TRIED TO CATCH HIS BALANCE"



"I HELPED HIM ON H.S. WAY..."



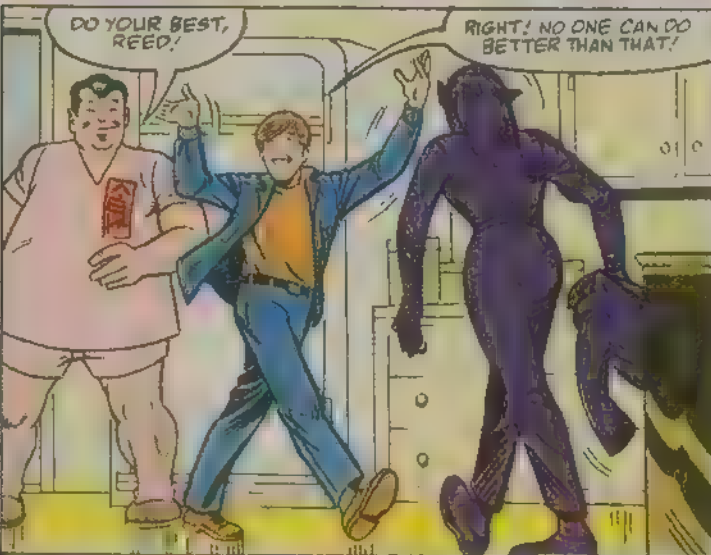
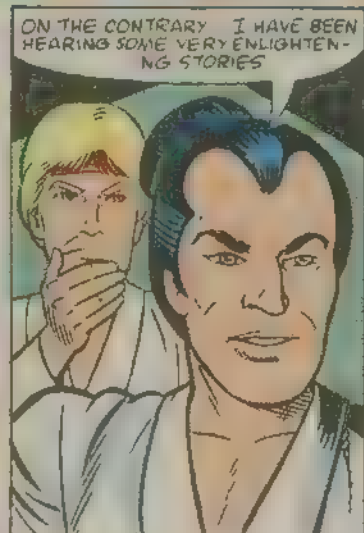
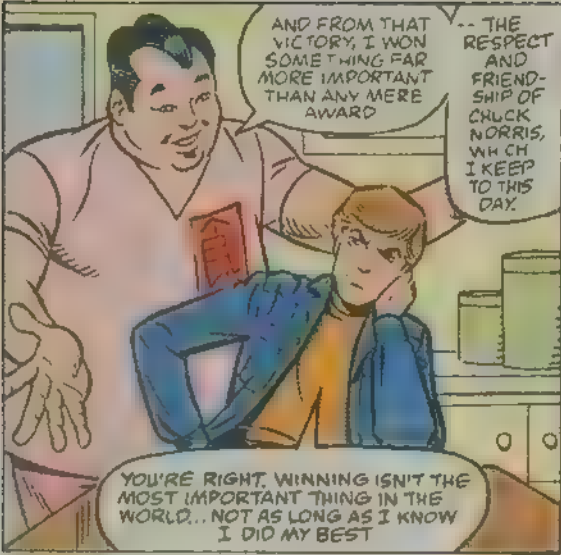
"OUT OF THE RING."

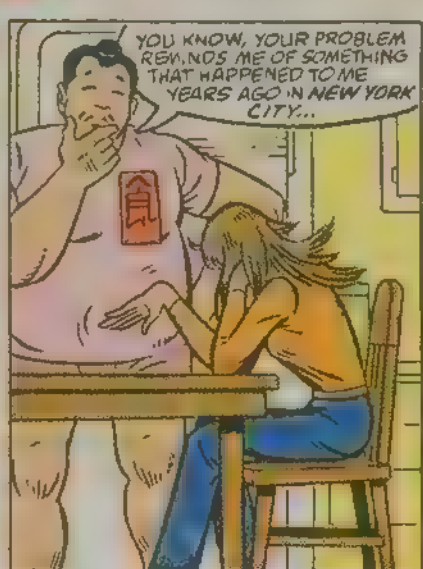
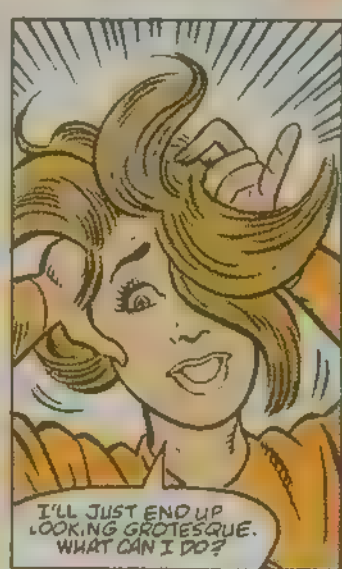
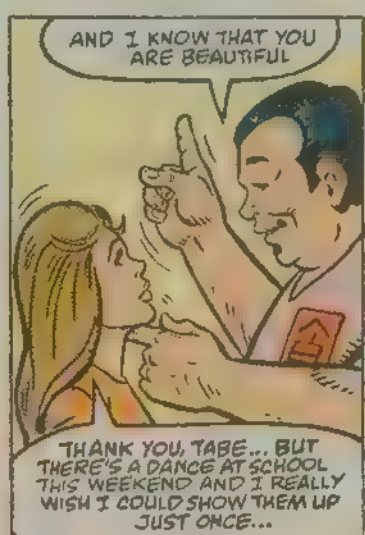
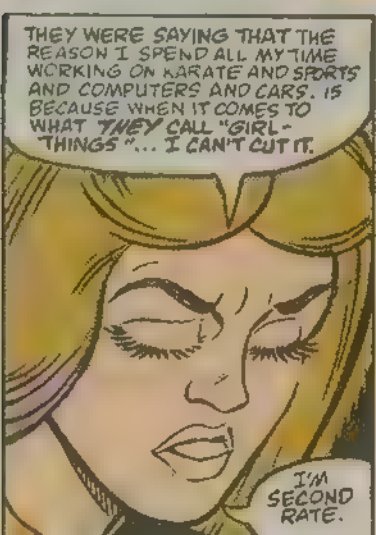
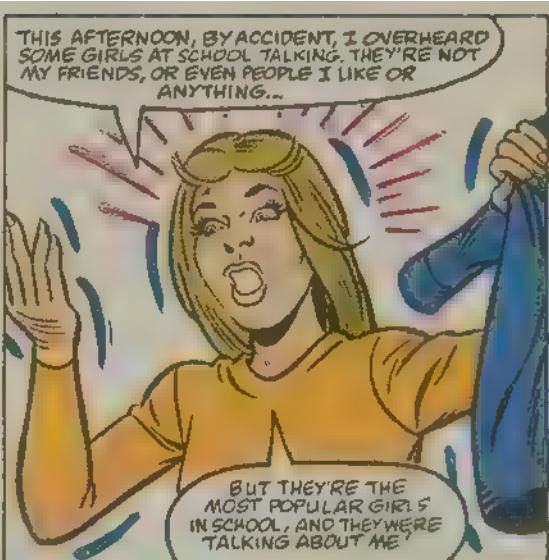
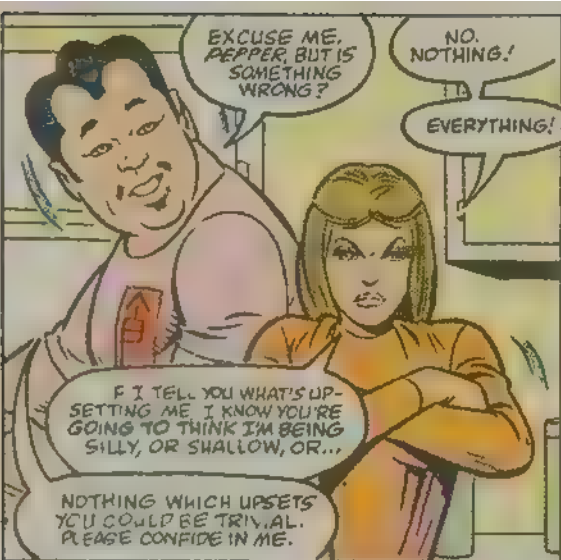


WAAAAAA!!

ALWAYS NICE TO SEE THE GOODGUYS WIN!







IN FACT, IT WAS THE VERY DAY I MET CHUCK NORRIS.

REALLY?

"I WAS LEAVING MY HOTEL DURING THE MORNING RUSH HOUR, WHEN TO MY IMMENSE GOOD LUCK AND JOY, I SAW A WOMAN ABOUT TO GET OUT OF A TAXICAB..."

"I SIGNALLED THE CAB AT THE VERY SAME MOMENT AS DID CHUCK, WHO WAS THEN A STRANGER TO ME, AND WAS ALSO LEAVING THE HOTEL."

I THOUGHT I SIGNALLED FIRST... BUT IN TRUTH, I CANNOT BE CERTAIN.

I TOO. WHY DON'T YOU TAKE THIS ONE AND I'LL WAIT FOR THE NEXT.

BUT IF YOU HAILED IT FIRST, THAT WOULD NOT BE RIGHT.

PERHAPS THERE IS ANOTHER WAY TO SETTLE THIS... PERHAPS BY TOSSING A COIN...

OR THE OLD CHINESE GAME, "SCISSORS, STONES, PAPER?"

OF COURSE.

SCISSORS WIN BY CUTTING PAPER.

STONE BREAKS THE SCISSORS.

AND PAPER WINS BY SMOOTHERING STONE. BEST TWO OUT OF THREE, RIGHT?



"CHUCK FOLLOWED THE THIEF TO A NEARBY CONSTRUCTION SITE, AND SOON HAD HIM CORNERED..."



"AND WHEN HE TRIED TO TEMPORARILY BLIND CHUCK WITH SAND, THE BOY FOUND THAT CHUCK'S SPEED WAS FAR GREATER THAN HIS OWN MEAGER CUNNING..."



"AND WHEN CHUCK FLIPPED HIM OFF HIS FEET HE LANDED ONCE AGAIN..."



"...SECURELY IN MY GRASP AND NOW UNABLE TO ESCAPE MY STRENGTH."



"AND SO, BY A COMBINATION OF ELEMENTS, SPEED, WITS, AND STRENGTH, EACH USED AS NEEDED, WE FOILED THE THEFT..."

"...AND SO BEGAN OUR FRIENDSHIP!"

